



MUCE MONTHLY DIGEST

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MUCE Monthly Digest is a periodic newsletter that informs the community about the latest events that occurred at MUCE during the previous month(s). Those who want their entries included should submit their requests to the Head of Communication and Marketing Unit, Dr. Ponsiano S. Kanijo via ponsiano.kanijo@muce.ac.tz or kanijo2008@gmail.com.



Prof. William A. L. Anangisye

appoints five MUCE Academic Staff as Directors for 2021/2022 - 2023/2024 Triennium

In a bid to get the College development moving, five agile members of academic staff were appointed as directors for the 2021/2022 - 2023/2024 triennium.

The appointments were officially made by the University of Dar es Salaam Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of MUCE Governing Board, Prof. William A. L. Anangisye. Prior to their appointments, all five individuals were serving as acting directors.

Taking up key leadership roles, the newly appointed directors are set to play pivotal roles in the College's academic and administrative endeavours.



Dr. Daniel S. Fussy
Director of Postgraduate Studies



Dr. Godlisten N. Shao
Director of Undergraduate Studies



Dr. Selina T. Mkimbili
Director of Research and Innovation



Dr. Mbwiga S. Aloni
Director of Library Services



Dr. Shakila H. Mteti
Director of Public Services and Outreach Programmes

Academic Promotions

The College is proud of the promotion of three members of academic staff from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer positions.



**Dr. Fikira S.
Kimbokota**

Department of
Chemistry,
Faculty of Science



**Dr. Jovine K.
Emmanuel**

Department of
Chemistry,
Faculty of Science



**Dr. Ismail J.
Irunde**

Department of Mathematics,
Physics and Informatics,
Faculty of Science

The College extends its cordial congratulations to the newly promoted members of staff and wishes them the best of luck in carrying out their duties in their new position.

Congratulations!

Stakeholders Collaborate with MUCE to Enhance Students' Welfare

On 3rd June 2023, a crucial meeting was held at MUCE, bringing together 67 stakeholders, including wardens, DARUSO-MUCE, health officers, police inspectors, ward leaders, street chairpersons and food service providers. The primary objective of the meeting was to deliberate on effective strategies to enhance students' welfare, including accommodation outside the campus, security, health and public relations.



Acting Deputy Principal - Planning, Finance and Administration, Dr. Fikira Kimbokota (third from right in the front row) poses in a group photo with attendees of the stakeholders' meeting.

We Prioritize the Welfare of Our Students

The gathering served as a platform for comprehensive discussions on the challenges faced by students living outside the campus and exploring viable solutions. Since the number of students residing off-campus has increased, it has become imperative to foster an environment that ensures their well-being and safety.





College-Staff Meeting

In a remarkable display of unity and collaboration, MUCE convened an all-staff meeting on 5th June 2023. The gathering served as a significant platform for raising awareness about the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project and provided staff members with insights into its current status and upcoming activities. Staff members gained valuable insights into the progress of the HEET project and were encouraged to actively engage and contribute to its successful execution. HEET is a five-year project, through World Bank support, which aims to promote higher education as a catalytic force in the new Tanzanian economy. The project is designed to revitalize and expand the capacity of universities to contribute to key areas for innovation, economic development, and labour market relevance.

Led by the College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, the meeting also facilitated open discussions on matters pertinent to staff welfare. Staff members were given the opportunity to voice their concerns, raise questions and share suggestions for improvement. This inclusive approach aimed to nurture a supportive and harmonious work environment, where every staff member's perspective is valued and considered.

The all-staff meeting signified the unity and collaborative spirit that defines our College.



College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro



Deputy Secretary of the HEET Project, Dr. Orestes Kapinga



Director of Administration and Human Resource Management, Mr. Edwin Lyagoda

MUCE Hosts Successful Orientation Seminar to Educate New Employees on Public Service Laws and Regulations

MUCE organized a highly informative and engaging orientation seminar for its new employees, held from 15th to 17th June 2023. The primary objective of the seminar was to provide a comprehensive orientation on essential laws, regulations and guidelines applicable to public servants. The seminar ensured that the newly employed University staff were set to fulfil their roles effectively and ethically. Attended by 47 enthusiastic participants, the seminar marked a significant step in fostering a cohesive and law-abiding workforce.

The three-day seminar commenced with a warm welcome from the College Management, expressing their delight at the arrival of fresh talents. The event was facilitated by experts in the field of public service governance from the President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance.



Prof. Deuseddit A. Rwehumbiza (in the middle-front row), Deputy Principal – Academic Research and Consultancy, in a group photo with facilitators of the training and new MUCE staff.



Facilitators of the training (second and third from right in the front row) in a group photo with members of two MUCE's disciplinary committees (Leadership and Management Committee and Integrity Management Committee).

Members of Disciplinary Committees of MUCE held its Orientation Seminar

In an effort to reinforce ethical standards and tackle corruption, members of the two committees (Leadership and Management Committee and Integrity Management Committee) of MUCE gathered at MUCE for a highly anticipated seminar on 17th June 2023.

The seminar's primary objective was to reinforce the capacity of all committee members to address matters related to morals and corruption, fostering a culture of integrity and promoting effective leadership within the academic institution.



Facilitators of the training (first picture from left) and members of MUCE's disciplinary committees (last two pictures).

Seminar to Equip Finalists with the skills to Navigate Challenges for the Life After Graduation

As the academic year drew to a close, MUCE organized a highly beneficial seminar on 19th June 2023, aimed at preparing its finalists for the challenges and opportunities that await them in the real world. The seminar was facilitated by a panel of esteemed educators from Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, including Dr. Helena Myeya, Dr. Philpo John, Dr. Ashura Jackson and Mr. Gabriel Ndimbo. The facilitators shared their expertise and insights with the eager attendees, offering valuable guidance on various aspects of life after graduation.

The seminar focused on topics that are crucial for a successful transition from university life to the professional world. These include writing an effective job application letter and an outstanding curriculum vitae (CV), mastering interview skills, nurturing entrepreneurial aspirations and unlocking scholarship opportunities.



One of the facilitators of the training, Dr. Philpo John



Participants of the training



One of the facilitators of the training, Dr. Ashura Jackson

Seminar on Invigilation of University Examinations and Matters Related to Quality Assurance



Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Godlisten Shao



Deputy Principals for academic and administration matters, Dr. Fikira Kimbokota and Prof. Deusdedit Rwehumbiza



Some of the participants of the training

On 24th June 2023, MUCE organized a seminar on the invigilation of university examinations and issues related to quality assurance. The seminar formed an opportunity for attendees to discuss essential rules and regulations pertaining to examination invigilation and ways to enhance the overall quality of the examination process.

The seminar allowed attendees to engage in open discussions regarding various challenges and best practices in invigilating university examinations. Participants exchanged valuable insights and experiences, enabling them to gain a better understanding of the complexities involved in ensuring a fair and secure examination environment.

Key topics addressed during the seminar included examination formats and the importance of maintaining academic integrity. Additionally, the seminar shed light on the role of Internal and External Independent Examiners in the review process of examination documents. Also, issues related to quality assurance were a central part of the seminar's agenda.

By organizing such informative and inclusive seminars, MUCE reaffirms its commitment to maintaining high academic standards and fostering an environment that promotes fairness and academic rigour in all aspects of its educational process.

Training on Risk Register Preparation

MUCE hosted a two-day training on preparing risk registers, which took place from 20th to 21st June 2023. The training aimed to empower attendees with the knowledge and expertise required to effectively identify, assess and manage risks within their respective units/departments/faculties. The seminar was facilitated by Dr. Ernest Mwasalwiba, a seasoned academic and expert in risk management, from Mzumbe University, Morogoro.



Participants of the training



College Coordinator of Teaching Practice, Dr. Mariana Mhewa

Deputy Principals for academic and administration matters, Dr. Fikira Kimbokota and Prof. Deusdedit A. Rwehumbiza



Dean, Faculty of Education, Dr. Orestes Kapinga

Students who attended the training

Orientation Seminar on Empowering Future Educators and Chemists

On 24th June 2023, MUCE held two orientation seminars that took place simultaneously to orient students to matters related to teaching practices for students

pursuing degree programmes in education and practical training for students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. The informative sessions were aimed at preparing these aspiring professionals for their respective fields, equipping them with essential teaching practices and practical training.

Despite the different degree paths, students in both seminars shared a strong enthusiasm and dedication to excel in their chosen fields.

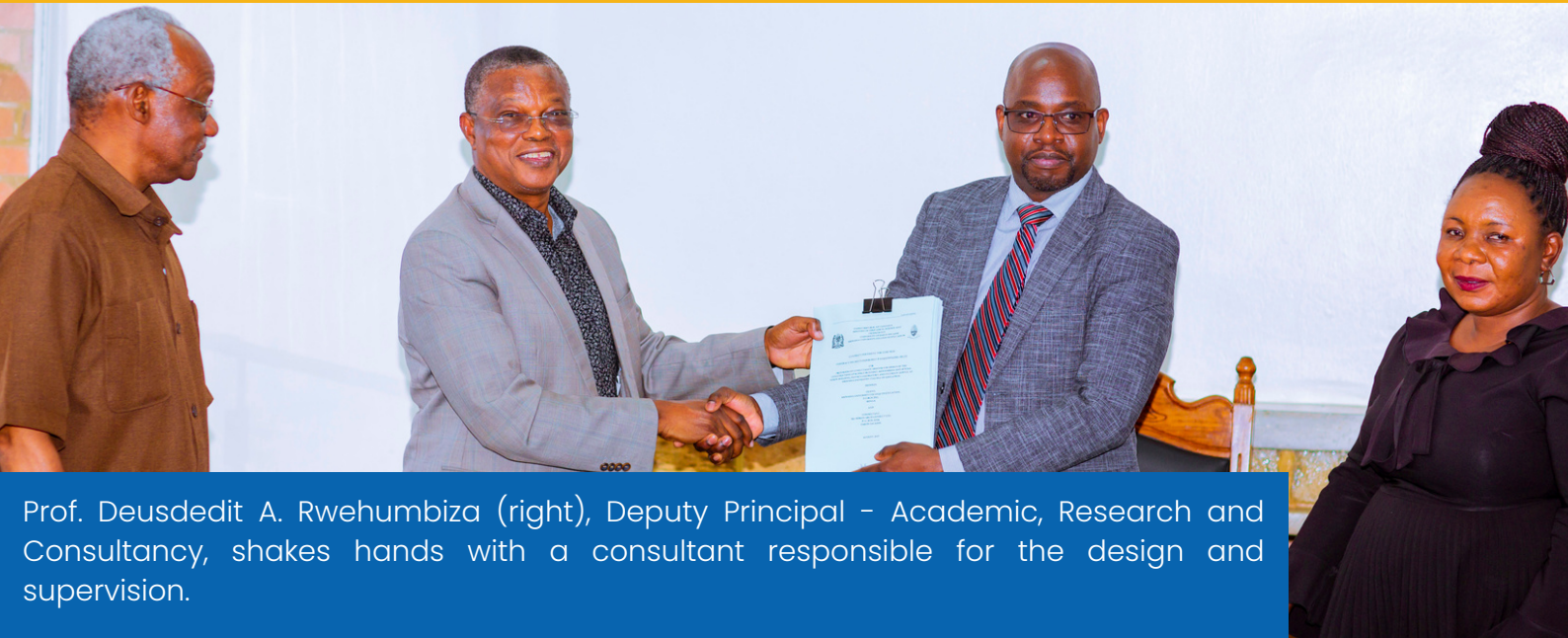


Participants of the training

Department of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at MUCE Hosted a Successful Training for Secondary School Physics Teachers

In an effort to enhance the quality of education in Iringa and support the local community, the Department of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics at MUCE organized a comprehensive training session for secondary school Physics teachers. The training aimed to build their capacity and equip them with innovative teaching methods to deliver the Physics curriculum effectively.

The event, held on 3rd June 2023, at MUCE's campus, saw a remarkable turnout of 34 enthusiastic Physics teachers from various secondary schools within Iringa Municipality. The participants were welcomed with warm hospitality by the university staff, highlighting MUCE's commitment to providing free social services and fostering cooperation between the academic institution and the local community.



Prof. Deusdedit A. Rwehumbiza (right), Deputy Principal – Academic, Research and Consultancy, shakes hands with a consultant responsible for the design and supervision.

Exciting Developments at MUCE!



On 25th August 2023, a special meeting was held where MUCE officially signed contracts with the consultant (MEKON ARCH CONSULT LTD) for design and supervision of the upcoming construction of Science Building, Multimedia and Special Needs Building, Students' Hostel and Physics Laboratory. All these key buildings are financed by Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology.



Together, we're building the future of education and innovation

New Communication and Marketing Unit of UDSM Introduces Its Role During its Visit to MUCE



The Communication and Marketing Unit (CMU) team from the University of Dar es Salaam, Mwalimu J. K. Nyerere Campus, paid a visit to MUCE on 10th August 2023 to acquaint the administrative and academic staff with their newly established responsibilities.

Led by Dr. Dotto Paul Kuhenga, the Head of CMU, the team included Mr. Ally M. Mambele, the Marketing Officer and Ms. Zamda George and Ms. Mercy Machange, both Public Relations Officers.

During the visit to MUCE, the CMU team explained the importance of CMU's responsibilities in enhancing UDSM's engagement with the community, potential students and stakeholders. This effort is part of UDSM's commitment to fostering effective communication and maintaining its reputation as a leading institution of higher learning in the country.



Dr. Fikira Kimbokota (in the middle of the front line), Acting Deputy Principal - Planning, Finance, and Administration, in a group photo with the Communication and Marketing Unit (CMU) team from the University of Dar es Salaam, Mwl. J. K. Nyerere Campus, led by Dr. Dotto Kuhenga (fourth from left). The photo also includes staff members from MUCE.

MUCE Hosts Teaching Practice Pre-Supervision Seminar for Academic Staff

MUCE conducted a two-day teaching practice pre-supervision seminar on 3rd and 4th August 2023, to equip academic staff with essential knowledge and skills to proficiently evaluate and supervise student-teachers during their teaching practice for the 2022/2023 Academic Year.

The event gathered educators and facilitators from various disciplines, creating an interactive platform for sharing insights and best practices in supervising and assessing student-teachers.



Facilitators of the teaching practice pre-supervision seminar

Prof. Deusdedit A. Rwehumbiza, Deputy Principal
- Academic, Research and Consultancy



Academic staff who attended the seminar



A group photo showing some of the participants who attended the training

MUCE Academic Staff Trained to Integrate Cross-Cutting Issues into Curricula

MUCE successfully conducted a two-day training aimed at equipping its academic staff with the expertise to integrate cross-cutting issues into the curricula development process. The training took place from 5th to 6th July 2023, at Siasa ni Kilimo Hall in Iringa, drawing participation from 63 MUCE members of academic staff across all three faculties.

The comprehensive training, facilitated by experts from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and University of Dodoma (UDOM), sought to enhance MUCE's academic staff's capacity to weave critical cross-cutting themes into the curriculum review and development processes. Among these vital themes were gender equality, inclusive education, climate change awareness, internationalization and information and communication technology (ICT).

Notably, the training is a critical component of the implementation of the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) project at MUCE.



MUCE Principal Holds a Meeting with New DARUSO Leaders

On 28th July 2023, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, the College Principal of MUCE, led a meeting with the newly elected leaders of DARUSO-MUCE. The meeting aimed to introduce new DARUSO-MUCE leaders to the College management team and offer them guidance on their dual roles as students and leaders. The meeting also served as a platform for the College Principal to familiarize the newly elected DARUSO-MUCE leaders with the College's administrative processes and academic matters. The leaders, who include the President, Prime Minister and Minister of Education within the DARUSO structure, received insights into how to effectively fulfil their responsibilities.



The College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro (fourth from left) together with DARUSO-MUCE leaders and some leaders of the MUCE Management team

Attending the meeting were key members of the College's Management team, including Deputy Principal - Academic, Research and Consultancy; Deputy Principal - Planning, Finance and Administration; Director of Administration and Human Resource Management; Director of Student Services; Manager of Estates and Works Management Unit;

Director of Undergraduate Studies; Dean of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; Dean of Faculty of Science; and Head of Communication and Marketing Unit.

As MUCE continues to prioritize student involvement in College activities and nurture their leadership skills, meetings like these pave way to effective collaboration, ensuring that student voices are heard and student experiences are enhanced.

"Empowering student leaders is not just about holding positions; it's about fostering a partnership that bridges voices and visions, creating a campus where collaboration transforms aspirations into achievements."



The College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro (in red blouse) together with consulting team and MUCE staff

MUCE Management Explores Site for Phase 1 Fence Construction

On 7th August 2023, the management team of MUCE, led by the College Principal, Prof. Esther W. Dungumaro, paid a site visit, together with the consulting team from M/s VINQEEL COMPANY LTD, to survey the area designated for the construction of Phase 1 of the perimeter fence, spanning a length of 1.9 kilometres.

The purpose of the site visit was to comprehensively assess the location and ensure that all necessary prerequisites are in place for the forthcoming fence construction project.

Prof. Dungumaro expressed her enthusiasm for the project and underscored its significance, stating "The fence not only safeguards our campus but also symbolizes our commitment to providing a secure and conducive environment for our students, staff and visitors. This project aligns with our continuous efforts to enhance the overall campus infrastructure."





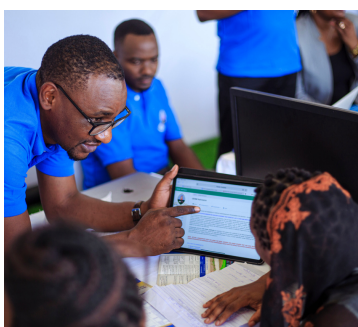
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the University of Dar es Salaam Prof. Bonaventure T. Rutinwa (left) presents MUCE Newsletter for 2022 to the esteemed Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam and the Fourth President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, at the 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair 2023.

MUCE Showcases Research and Degree Programmes at Two Exhibitions

In a bid to highlight its research endeavours, degree offerings, and diverse activities, MUCE proudly participated in two prominent exhibitions. The 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (Sabasaba), held from 28th June to 13th July 2023, and the 18th Higher Education, Science and Technology Exhibitions, held from 17th to 22nd July 2023, both took place in Dar es Salaam.



Various photos taken during the 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (Sabasaba)



Various photos taken during the 18th Higher Education, Science and Technology Exhibition

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Prof. Philemon A. K. Mushi, the First Principal of MUCE

22 November 1952 - 28 August 2023



With heavy hearts and profound sadness, we come together to remember and pay tribute to a visionary educator, a dedicated leader and the beloved founding Principal of Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), Prof. Philemon A. K. Mushi. His passing leaves a void that can never be filled, but his impact on education and countless lives will forever serve as a testament to his remarkable journey.

Prof. Mushi was not just an educator but also a beacon of light that illuminated the path of learning for generations to come. With boundless passion and unwavering dedication, he laid the foundation for MUCE, shaping it into an institution of excellence that stands as a testament to his foresight and determination. His visionary leadership guided the College through its formative years, nurturing an environment where knowledge and compassion flourished hand in hand.

Beyond his professional achievements, Prof. Mushi's warmth, humility and unwavering kindness left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He possessed a rare ability to inspire, uplift and empower, fostering a sense of purpose and camaraderie among his students and colleagues.

As we mourn the loss of Prof. Mushi, let us also celebrate his extraordinary life. Let us remember the legacy he leaves behind as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all. Our hearts go out to his family, friends and the entire MUCE community during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Prof. Mushi.